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TOWN OFFICERS, 1882.

CLERK.

JOSEPH CLEAVES.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, AND OVERSEERS OF POOR.

JOHN W. TRUE, JAMES M. THOMPSON,
CHARLES N. FOGG.

TREASURER.

BENJAMIN W. MERRILL.

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS.

CHARLES P. HASKELL.

COLLECTOR AND CONSTABLE.

BENJAMIN W. MERRILL.

ANNUAL REPORTS.

The Annual Reports of the Town Officers of the Town of New Gloucester, for the year ending March 4th, 1883, are herewith submitted:

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

VALUATION.

Total valuation for the year 1882, $835,143 00

Number of polls, 322. Poll tax, $2.00. Rate of taxation, 10½ mills on $1.00.

ASSESSMENTS.

The several sums were assessed for the following purposes:

State tax,	$3,692 36	
County tax,	732 15	
		$4,424 51
Support of schools,	$1,525 00	
Contingent expenses,	500 00	
Building school house in district No. 13,	500 00	
Repair of roads and bridges,	2,000 00	
Building snow fence,	100 00	
Supplemental tax,	22 00	
Amount of overlay,	363 60	
		$5,010 60
Total amount committed to collector,		$9,435 11

RECEIPTS.

The receipts of the town from February 21, 1882, to February 19, 1883, have been as follows:

Cash in Treasury, Feb. 21, 1882, $2,812 79

Received of town of Baldwin, pauper expenses,	$20	11	
town of Raymond, pauper expenses,	43	00	
town of Poland, pauper expenses,	9	00	
town of East Livermore, pauper expenses,	15	00	
M. T. Holt, auctioneer license,	2	00	
town of Poland, for tuition of scholars,	40	14	
town of Gray, for tuition of scholars,	16	20	
B. W. Merrill, Treasurer of New Gloucester, school fund,	272	49	
town of Gray, pauper expenses,	10	77	
State Treasurer, school fund and mill tax, due January 1, 1882,	654	25	
railroad and telegraph tax for the year 1881,	258	56	
for old stove from Dist. No. 13,	1	00	
H. A. Fogg, for shingles,	3	00	
B. J. R. Small, for old door,		50	
J. W. True, for old nails, etc.,	1	00	
interest on taxes for year 1881,	41	69	
supplemental taxes for year 1882,	22	00	
B. W. Merrill, Collector,	4,988	60	
			$9,212 13

EXPENDITURES.

The amounts paid from the Treasury for the year ending February 19, 1883, have been as follows:

SCHOOLS.

			Dr.
To support of schools as per bills approved by Supervisor,	$1,686	06	
balance unexpended,	1,405	63	
			$3,091 69

Cr.

By unexpended balance, 1882,	$571 21	
State mill tax, due January 1, 1882,	471 20	
State school fund, due January 1, 1883,	195 45	
New Gloucester school fund, due April 23, 1882,	272 49	
tuition of scholars from other towns,	56 34	
appropriation March 6, 1882,	1,525 00	
		$3,091 69

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Dr.

To Road bills from February 21, 1882, to May 1, 1882, as approved by Z. A. Rowe,	$980 83

Cr.

By amount due the roads March 6, 1882,	$380 86	
overdrawn balance,	599 97	
		$980 83

Road bills from May 1, 1882, to February 19, 1883, as approved by C. S. Haskell, have been as follows:

Dr.

To 1 Pennock Road Machine,	$165 15
C. S. Haskell, for labor,	453 30
E. and J. V. Houston, for labor,	30 17
I. H. Keith, for spikes,	1 36
Mrs. H. Spring, for labor,	11 33
M. T. Holt, for lumber,	11 03
John Cunningham, for labor,	7 00
J. G. Bennett, "	87
A. H. Merrill, "	2 00
C. P. Haskell, "	28 52
J. I. Sturgis, "	8 29
E. Hilton, "	1 33
Phillips Blake, "	60
E. F. Bean, for labor, iron, etc.,	11 35
A. G. Merrill, for labor,	3 75
Edward Small, "	133 33
Benjamin McIntire, "	37 32

To L. C. Berry, for labor,		$104 25	
Edwin McIntire,	"	32 50	
Benjamin S. Small,	"	3 12	
C. H. Small,	"	83 25	
Seth L. Haskell,	"	3 33	
Geo. W. Brann,	"	53 07	
C. A. Andrews,	"	7 00	
B. Holt,	"	3 00	
E. W. Curtis,	"	11 31	
A. Estes, for plank,		13 00	
E. G. Titcomb, for labor,		3 96	
Joshua Snow,	"	75	
E. N. Gilbert,	"	35	
S. A. Woodbury,	"	4 00	
Edward Bennett,	"	5 62	
Silas Spiller,	"	7 32	
William I. Thurlow,	"	16 87	
J. B. Hammond,	"	1 33	
Mellen Carpenter,	"	1 25	
Nelson Valentine,	"	1 75	
W. F. Ayer,	"	5 00	
Charles Witham,	"	12 65	
Balance unexpended,		718 62	
			$2,000 00

	Cr.
By appropriation,	$2,000 00

TOWN FARM.

		Dr.
To paid Tobie & Clark M'f'g Co., for pump,	$5 00	
C. A. Andrews, balance of salary as Agent of Farm,	286 55	
		$291 55

PAUPER ACCOUNT.

To paid J. F. Wescott, wood for Dorcas Pickett,	$7 50
Sewall Grass, for supplies furnished Dorcas Pickett,	5 00

To paid Joseph Small, for supplies furnished Dorcas Pickett,	$3	95
I. H. Keith, for supplies furnished Dorcas Pickett,	4	39
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical attendance on Dorcas Pickett,	5	00
Sewall Grass, for supplies furnished Rosina Berry,	5	72
Sewall Grass, for supplies furnished Moses Welch,	22	50
Sewall Grass, for supplies furnished Rebecca Berry,	6	98
Sewall Grass, for supplies furnished Clarissa Berry,	2	58
William Small, for supplies furnished J. A. Verrill (board and care one year),	52	00
I. H. Keith, for supplies furnished Asa Verrill,	7	00
Town of Otisfield, for supplies furnished Frank Carpenter's family,	4	50
I. H. Keith for supplies furnished Wesley Strout,	5	00
Town of Poland, for supplies furnished Frank Carpenter's family,	7	00
Town of Wells, for funeral expenses of Eliza Verrill,	14	00
Dr. F. C. Hall, for medical attendance on the town's poor, for the year 1881,	30	00
Dr. F. C. Hall, for medical attendance on Tim. Berry's family, Poland pauper,	16	00
Dr. F. C. Hall, for medical attendance on A. J. Marston's family, Gray pauper,	9	00
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical attendance on the family of Silas May, Raymond pauper,	12	00

To paid Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical attendance on the family of C. E. Morey, Oxford pauper,	$5 00	
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical attendance on John Strout, Poland pauper,	20 00	
Dr. E. C. Heath, for medical attendance on A. Umbling,	1 75	
Dr. J. F. Newman, for medical attendance on A. Umbling,	4 00	
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for medical attendance on A. Umbling,	10 50	
C. A. Andrews, cash paid out for care of A. Umbling,	6 00	
Dr. J. F. Newman, for medical attendance on the wife of Elisha Hodgkins, Gray pauper,	15 00	
Dr. J. F. Newman, for medical examination of T. J. Brackett,	2 00	
C. A. Andrews, for expenses of taking T. J. Brackett to insane asylum,	12 29	
J. M. Thompson, for taking T. J. Brackett from Portland almshouse to New Gloucester poor farm,	2 25	
		$298 91

Cr.

By amount due from town of Poland,	$36 00	
" " " Raymond,	12 00	
" " " Gray,	15 00	
" " " Oxford,	5 00	
" received " Gray,	9 00	
Balance for support of poor off the farm,	221 91	
		$298 91

NEW SCHOOL HOUSE.

Dr.

To paid Jordan, Frost & Co., for lumber,	$67 50	
D. B. Stevens, for windows, doors, etc.,	45 76	

To paid Owen & Hall, for sheathing paper,	$2 61	
J. W. True, for cash advanced to pay freight on lumber, windows, etc.,	5 85	
Emerson W. Hill, for labor,	6 03	
Silas C. Bickford, for labor,	50 13	
Hoyt, Fogg & Donham, for school furniture,	60 90	
B. W. Merrill, for bricks,	5 20	
J. F. Pollister, for labor,	81 88	
Geo. W. Hatch, for labor,	55 50	
B. J. R. Small, for labor,	16 50	
C. N. Fogg, for cash advanced to pay for stove,	14 46	
A. Estes, for lumber,	51 20	
J. W. True, for freight on school furniture,	1 16	
Society of Shakers, for drawing lumber,	4 00	
George Blake & Son, for lime, hair, nails, etc.,	14 49	
I. H. Keith, for nails, paint, oil, etc.,	25 41	
J. W. True, for hauling bricks and lumber,	5 50	
		$514 08

Cr.

By sale of old stove,	$1 00	
sale of shingles,	3 00	
sale of old door,	50	
sale of old nails, etc.,	1 00	
appropriation,	500 00	
Balance overdrawn,	8 58	
		$514 08

CEMETERY ACCOUNT.

Dr.

To paid Sewall N. Martin, for labor in cemeteries,	$75 50	
Sewall N. Martin, for repairs on hearse,	1 60	
B. B. Segars, for repairs on hearse,	9 45	
		$86 55

CONTINGENT ACCOUNT. Dr.

To paid B. W. Merrill, Collector's fees for 1881,	$69	34
John W. True, Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of Poor for 1881,	76	50
J. M. Thompson, Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of Poor for 1881,	60	00
Amos H. Nevens, Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of Poor for 1881,	53	00
J. I. Sturgis, S. S. Committee,	17	00
F. C. Hall, S. S. Committee,	32	00
G. B. Pierce, S. S. Committee,	33	00
B. W. Merrill, Constable,	7	00
N. Dingley, Jr. & Co., for printing town reports for 1881,	37	50
Hoyt, Fogg & Donham, for books and stationery,	11	80
Joseph Cleaves, for recording births and deaths,	8	50
B. Holt, for surveying school lot,	1	00
C. S. Haskell, for putting up guide-boards,	4	00
J. W. True, for contingent expenses,	4	50
J. W. True, for postage, stationery, etc.,	3	50
B. J. R. Small, for rent of pound,	4	00
J. P. Eveleth, for painting guide-boards,	5	00
J. M. Thompson, for expenses to Lewiston for town reports of 1881,	1	10
B. W. Merrill, for cash advanced to pay for public watering places,	30	37
B. W. Merrill, for cash advanced to pay for tax deed of estate of Alonzo Larrabee,	7	87
B. W. Merrill, for cash advanced to pay for tax deed on land taxed to Daniel Cobb,	5	46

To paid B. W. Merrill, for cash advanced to pay for tax deed on land taxed to Andrew Verrill,	$7	20
Sewall N. Martin, for attending twenty funerals with hearse,	40	00
Caleb S. Haskell, for labor, paint, lime, etc., on school house No. 11,	6	84
E. Houston, for labor on school house,	6	65
J. P. Eveleth, for blinds for school house, Dist. No. 2, and labor,	29	10
Abatements on assessments of 1879, Jeremiah Edwards by reason of being poor, poll tax and personal estate,	1	88
S. M. Higgins, non-resident poll tax,	1	50
Joseph Smith, residence unknown, poll tax,	1	50
1880—		
Timothy Berry, by reason of being poor, poll tax and personal estate,	2	95
T. J. Brackett, by reason of being poor, poll tax and personal estate,	2	80
Daniel Briggs, Jr., non-resident poll tax and personal estate,	2	50
Chipman Cobb, by reason of disability, poll tax,	2	00
Frank W. Davis, non-resident poll tax,	2	00
Jeremiah Edwards, by reason of being poor, poll tax and personal estate,	2	50
James E. Jordan, non-resident poll tax and personal estate,	3	64
W. S. Marsh, non-resident poll tax,	2	00
Joseph Smith, residence unknown, poll tax,	2	00
W. H. Tripp, by reason of being		

To paid poor, road tax of 1879,	$1 00
Royal E. Cobb, not of age, poll tax, 1881—	2 00
James M. Bunker, by reason of being poor, poll tax,	2 00
Timothy Berry, by reason of being poor, poll tax and personal estate,	3 02
T. J. Brackett, by reason of being poor, poll tax and personal estate,	6 05
Charles M. Cobb, non-resident poll tax,	2 00
Chipman Cobb, by reason of disability, poll tax,	2 00
Andrew J. Chapman, dead, poll tax,	2 00
Jeremiah Edwards, by reason of being poor, poll tax and personal estate,	2 54
Wallace Gower, dead, poll tax,	2 00
John J. A. Harris, non-resident poll tax	2 00
Horatio Harris, by reason of being poor, poll tax,	2 00
Cyrus Larrabee, by reason of being poor, poll tax and personal estate,	2 14
C. E. Higgins, non-resident poll tax,	2 00
F. H. Merrill, non-resident poll tax,	2 00
W. S. Marsh, non-resident poll tax,	2 00
William D. Ryder, by reason of disability, poll tax,	2 00
David Rice, by overvaluation,	13 50
Charles R. Strout, non-resident poll tax,	2 00
Fred A. Spring, non-resident poll tax,	2 00
Henry S. Willey, dead, poll tax,	2 00
1882—	
Perez B. Latham, by reason of disability, real estate,	3 15
Horatio Harris, by reason of being poor, poll tax,	2 00
James M. Bunker, by reason of being poor, poll tax and personal estate,	2 26

To paid Abatements on school house taxation, as voted by the town,	$7 06	
		$662 22
		Cr.
By appropriation,	$500 00	
overdrawn balance,	162 22	
		$662 22
Total amount of receipts,	$9,212 13	
Total amount of expenditures,	5,801 58	
Balance unexpended,		$3,410 55

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

RESOURCES.

Cash in the Treasury,	$3,410 55	
State mill tax, due January 1, 1883,	461 55	
State school fund, due January 1, 1883,	195 45	
Railroad and Telegraph tax for 1882,	493 37	
New Gloucester school fund, due April 23, 1883,	272 49	
Due from the town of Gray,	15 00	
Due from the town of Raymond,	12 00	
Due from the town of Poland,	36 00	
Due from the town of Oxford,	5 00	
Liquor and casks as per bill,	74 26	
Due for tuition of scholars from the town of Poland, estimated,	40 00	
Due for tuition of scholars from the town of Gray,	17 64	
Mrs. Susan Cobb's note,	15 00	
Mrs. Susan Cobb's bill,	16 00	
		$5,064 31

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding orders,	$4 50	
Amount due the schools,	1,405 67	
Collector's fees for 1882,	75 48	
Town officers' bills for 1882, estimated,	300 00	
Outstanding bills, estimated,	150 00	
Outstanding road bills, estimated,	160 00	
Balance in favor of the town,	2,968 66	
		$5,064 31

TOWN FARM ACCOUNT.

CHARLES A. ANDREWS, *Agent.*

		DR.
To salary of the Agent,	$375 00	
supplies bought,	817 60	
oxen bought,	941 30	
Tobie & Clark M'f'g Co., for pump,	5 00	
stock less than last year,	10 00	
		$2,148 90

		CR.
By sales from the farm,	$784 35	
sale of oxen,	1,063 00	
produce more than last year,	10 00	
improvement on tools from last year,	25 00	
balance against the farm,	266 55	
		$2,148 90

The total expense of supporting the town poor for the last year has been $488 46

TOWN FARM.

Amount of stock and supplies on the farm: 1 yoke oxen, 9 cows, 11 sheep, 35 hens, 3 swine, 17 tons hay, 1 ton straw and corn fodder, 40 bushels corn, 60 bushels potatoes, 50 bushels oats, 1 barrel flour, 300 pounds pork, 100 pounds beef, 2 barrels cider, 20 gallons vinegar, 2 hams, 20 pounds butter, 30 pounds lard, and vegetables sufficient for the family's use.

The number of poor on the farm is four. There has been one death, Jonas Harris having died during the year.

We are satisfied that the farm has been well managed and the inmates well cared for. We have re-engaged Charles A. Andrews and wife to take charge of the farm for the ensuing year.

The following is a list of the births that have occurred in the Town of New Gloucester during the year ending March 31st, 1882, as given in to the Assessors in April of said year:

Name of Child.	Sex.	Name of Parents.	Date of Birth.
			—1881—
Everett C.	Son.	Thomas C. Wells. Martha A. Wells.	April 5.
Celinda T.	Daughter.	Alfred D. Nevens. Emma N. Nevens.	May 11.
Blanche May.	Daughter.	C. H. N. Rowe. Loan P. Rowe.	May 3.
James G.	Son.	Joseph B. Torrey. Flora E. Torrey.	May 13.
Mildred.	Daughter.	Milton T. Holt. Maria E. Holt.	April 28.
Greenleaf G.	Son.	Wm. H. Snow. Lillie A. Snow.	May 2.
Freeland.	Son.	G. F. Berry. Lizzie Berry.	June 1.
Bertha.	Daughter.	Freeman H. Morse. Eugenie H. Morse.	Aug. 24.
David W.	Son.	John S. Snow. Jennie S. Snow.	Aug. 25.
Harold H.	Son.	Jonah Jordan. Armanda F. Jordan.	Aug. 31.
Edward C.	Son.	George F. Thompson. Persis G. Thompson.	Sept. 21.
James L.	Son.	Charles H. Small. Mary E. Small.	Dec. 6.
Don Carlos.	Son.	Philip Hubbard. Kate F. Hubbard.	Dec. 6.
Beatrice I.	Daughter.	Carrie Segars.	Dec. 20.
			—1882.—
Clifton C.	Son.	J. W. Mitchell. M. Abbie Mitchell.	Feb. 7.
Guy.	Son.	Darius P. Smith. Mary A. Smith.	Feb. 16.
Hazen W.	Son.	Hazen W. Spring. Emily J. Spring.	Mar. 16.
Ethel W.	Daughter.	Ruel W. Fogg. Lucy M. Fogg.	Mar. 31.

The following is a list of the deaths that have occurred in the Town of New Gloucester during the year ending March 31st, 1882:

Name of Deceased.	Date of Death.	Age.	Remarks.
	1881.		
Andrew J. Chapman,	April 26.	57 yrs. 5 mos. 26 dys.	
Jonathan Lane,	May 12.	82 yrs. 11 mos. 18 dys.	
Betsey P. Marsh,	June 26.	67 yrs. 5 mos. 28 dys.	
Ivory Jordan,	Aug. 4.	75 yrs. 5 mos.	
Sarah A. Curtis,	Sept. 10.	79 yrs.	
Wallace H. Gower,	Sept. 24.	24 yrs. 9 mos. 3 dys.	
Sarah E. Hackett,	Oct. 12.	22 yrs. 1 mo. 24 dys.	Wife of E. C. Hackett.
	1882.		
Elizabeth M. Small,	Jan. 31.	43 yrs.	Wife of Edward Small.
Mira P. Sturgis,	Feb. 1.	32 yrs. 8 mos.	Wife of Dr. J. I. Sturgis.
Susan H. Nevens,	Feb. 17.	76 yrs.	
Bethula Palmer,	Mar. 3.	70 yrs.	
Mary E. Small,	Mar. 26.	31 yrs. 4 mos. 16 dys.	Wife of Charles H. Small.
Greeley W. Larrabee,	Mar. 28.	7 yrs. 8 mos.	Son of Richard Larrabee.

REMARKS.

It is known that the Overseers of the Poor must relieve those that are actually in distress and in need of help, and we have done in every case what we thought best at the time. Dorcas Pickett still lives in her little house at the pond, and we have paid out some $30.00 towards her support for the past year.

The doctor's bills and funeral expenses charged to this town by the town of Oxford, for a woman claiming to be the wife of Emmons Verrill, have not been paid. We think there are good grounds for believing that she was not his lawful wife. A conference has been held with the Overseers of Oxford, but no settlement was agreed upon. The bills amount to $91.75.

Notice was received from the overseers of the City of Portland, that Thomas J. Brackett had fallen into distress and was in the city almshouse, partially insane. We had him removed from there to the town farm, but he seemed to grow worse rather than better, was quite violent at times, and as there were no conveniences for taking proper care of him there, we thought it best to send him to the insane asylum at Augusta. He receives a United States pension, and we would recommend that unless he gets better soon a guardian be appointed for him.

Through the request, by petition, of a number of citizens Charles P. Haskell was appointed guardian for Godfrey G. Megquier.

About the first of February a man was found in the barn of C. N. Fogg, who appeared to be insane, and not in a suitable condition to be traveling; he was taken to the town farm, medical attendance furnished and help procured to take care of him. He has got better and appears to be perfectly sane, and will leave the farm soon, if not already gone. He has asked for a bill of expenses, which has been given him, and he has promised to pay it in full. The bill amounts to $28.50.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. TRUE,
J. M. THOMPSON,
C. N. FOGG,

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

BENJAMIN W. MERRILL, *Treasurer.*

1882.				Dr.
Feb. 21.	To cash in Treasury,	$2,812	79	
Mar. 13.	received of town of Baldwin, pauper expenses,	20	11	
	received of the town of Raymond, pauper expenses,	43	00	
	received of town of Poland, pauper expenses,	9	03	
	received of town of East Livermore, pauper expenses,	15	00	
April 1.	received of M. T. Holt, Auctioneer license,	2	00	
	received of the town of Poland, tuition of scholars,	40	14	
April 25.	received of town of Gray, for tuition of scholars,	16	20	
	received of B. W. Merrill, treasurer of New Gloucester school fund,	272	49	
Sept. 22.	received of town of Gray, pauper expenses,	10	77	
	received of State Treasurer, school fund and mill tax, due July 20, 1882,	654	25	
	received railroad and telegraph tax, for the year 1881,	258	56	
	amount of taxes committed to the Collector for year 1882, after deducting State and County taxes,	4,988	60	
	interest collected on taxes of 1881,	41	69	
	supplemental taxes for year 1882,	22	00	

Sept. 22. To received for old stove from District No. 13,	$1 00	
received from H. A. Fogg, for shingles,	3 00	
received from B. J. Small, for old door,	50	
received of J. W. True, old nails, etc,	1 00	
		$9,212 13

Cr.

By amount paid out by order of Selectmen,	$5,801 58	
balance in hands of Treasurer, Feb. 19, 1883,	3,410 55	
		$9,212 13

REPORT OF TREASURER OF NEW GLOUCESTER SCHOOL FUND

From April 23, 1882, to April 23, 1883.

Amount of capital in secured notes by first mortgages on real estate is	$4,258 30	
in bank stock,	295 50	
		$4,553 80

Amount of interest paid town Treasurer the past year is $272.49. The interest is all paid on notes to April 23, 1882.

B. W. MERRILL, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF TRUSTEE OF THE EZRA TOBIE FUND.

Amount paid out for the benefit of the poor on the town farm in Dec., 1882, per receipt from Charles A. Andrews,	$21 75	
Amount paid to the Selectmen for the benefit of the poor not on the town farm,	8 25	
		$30 00

S. H. CHANDLER, *Trustee.*

New Gloucester, Feb. 19, 1883.

REPORT OF ROAD COMMISSIONER.

Your Road Commissioner respectfully begs leave to make the following report:

It has been an unusually hard season for roads in this town; the spring and early summer so wet, the late summer and early fall so dry, rendering it well-nigh impossible to keep the roads in suitable condition. The principal work accomplished has been as follows: I have removed all stones possible in the time allotted, and kept the roads as smooth as I could by filling bad places; I have replanked three bridges crossing Royals River; have replaced one stringer in the Penney bridge; one at the inlet of Sabbath-Day Pond, and two in the bridge on the road leading to Henry Cummings'. My cash statements, rendered herewith, will show the various amounts expended in the accomplishment of the above.

I purchased a Pennock Road Machine at an early date, but on account of the delay in transportation I did not receive it in season to use it as I should have done. I think the town will feel well satisfied with the purchase when they see its work, and the saving thereby. All towns where one is in use recommend it highly. I am more than ever of the opinion that with the Road Machine we can have better roads at much less than former cost.

I have employed men that were willing to work with the understanding that they would be as faithful as though at work for themselves, or for another party for wages, and if they could not comply with this requirement I did not want them. I feel that they have been faithful and have labored for the interest of the town. I have paid them, on the average, $1.33 per day as shown by vouchers in hands of the Selectmen. I have endeavored to obtain good and competent help to keep the roads passable during the winter; have distributed the money as equally as possible and expended it to the best of my ability, the results I leave you to judge, hoping to be credited with faithfulness in the work intrusted to my charge.

CASH STATEMENT OF EXPENSES.

Materials for bridges and culverts,	$62 59	
For Pennock Road Machine,	165 15	
Labor on repairing and constructing,	1,097 91	
		$1,325 65
Snow bill in December and January,		114 75
Total,		$1,440 40

REMARKS.

I would call the attention of the town to the Penney bridge, as the water has washed out the earthwork from the east wing and some of the stones have fallen out into the river. I think the town will save money by having it repaired this season. I would recommend that the road agent's term of office commence on the 10th day of March instead of first day of May, in order that he or they may render a report for eleven months instead of nine and one-half.

FENCE RECORD.

By vote of the town I was authorized to erect a snow fence on Harris Hill, on the north side of the road between the houses of J. G. Bennett and E. W. Curtis. The town voted to raise one hundred dollars for the same and that the Road Commissioner be instructed to build the snow fence as provided in said article. I consulted with a number of citizens as to location and decided to erect it where it now stands, a few rods back from the road-line in the field of J. G. Bennett, feeling quite sure it would be the most efficient there. This winter has been a good one to test the decision, and it has proved to be the place by keeping the snow back from the road. Mr. Bennett was not willing to have a fence put there less than ten dollars a year. I made a trade for one year and longer, providing the town see fit to let it remain there, if not it can be moved with a small expense. I know there is a difference of opinion in regard to the location, but I used my best judgment, hoping to accomplish the object desired. The cost of the fence, including rent, was $97.37.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. HASKELL, *Road Commissioner.*

REPORT OF SCHOOL SUPERVISOR.

To the Citizens of New Gloucester:

The Supervisor of Schools of New Gloucester would respectfully ask leave to submit his annual report:

The whole number of children in town, between the ages of 4 and 21 years, on the first day of April, 1882, was	417
Whole number attending summer schools,	208
Average number attending summer schools,	160
Whole number attending fall schools,	168
Average number attending fall schools,	124
Whole number attending winter schools,	226
Average number attending winter schools,	189

TABULAR VIEW OF SCHOOLS.

SUMMER TERM.

Number of School.	Name of Teacher.	Whole No. pupils registered.	Average No. in attendance.	Length of school in weeks.	Wages of teachers per week exclusive of board.	Wages of teachers per month exclusive of board.	Price paid per week for board.	Average cost per pupil per term.	Amt. paid teachers including board.
1	Mrs. M. E. Waterman.	20	15	10	$4 50		$2 50	$3 50	$70 00
2	Mariana C. Bailey.	29	25	10	5 50		2 00	2 58	75 00
3	Sadie M. Harris.	16	15	10	3 50		2 00	3 43	55 00
4	Esther Files.	20	16	9	3 50		2 50	2 70	54 00
5	Alice M. Sewall.	22	18	9	3 50		2 00	2 25	49 50
6	Edith True.	31	20	10	3 50		2 00	1 77	55 00
7	Flora P. Martin.	15	10	10	3 00		2 00	3 33	50 00
8	Abbie S. Jordan.	15	10	10	3 50		2 00	3 66	55 00
9	Ada S. Cummings.	15	14	12	3 00		2 00	4 00	60 00
10	(Annexed to Poland).								
11	Dora M. Thurlow.	6	4	10	3 00		2 00	8 33	50 00
12	Carrie B. Watts.	11	6	10	3 50		2 00	5 00	55 00
13	Mary L. Bickford.	8	7	10	2 75		1 75	5 62	45 00

Total amount paid for teachers, including board, $673 50

FALL TERM.

Number of School.	Name of Teacher.	Whole No. pupils registered.	Average No. in attendance	Length of school in weeks.	Wages of teachers per week exclusive of board.	Wages of teachers per month exclusive of board.	Price paid per week for board.	Average cost per pupil per term.	Amt. paid teachers including board.
1	Mrs.M.E.Waterman.	20	17	8	$5 00		$2 50	$3 00	$60 00
2	Mariana C. Bailey.	27	22	8	5 50		2 00	2 22	60 00
3	Sadie M. Harris.	10	14	8	3 50		2 00	2 75	44 00
4	Esther Files.	15	14	9	3 50		2 50	3 60	54 00
5	Helen W. Porter.	17	14	8	3 00		2 50	2 59	44 00
6	Edith True.	27	22	8	3 50		2 00	1 62	44 00
7	Flora P. Martin.	14	8	8	3 00		2 00	2 85	40 00
8	Abbie S. Jordan.	15	10	8	3 50		2 00	2 93	44 00
9	(No Fall Term.)								
10	(Annexed to Poland.)								
11	Dora M. Thurlow.	6	4	8	3 00		2 00	6 66	40 00
12	Helen M. Cobb.	11	9	8	3 50		2 00	4 00	44 00
13	(No Fall Term.)								

Total amount paid for teachers, including board, $474 00

WINTER TERM.

1	George P. Morgan.	27	23	12		$23 00	$3 00	$3 91	$105 00
2	Emery Tinkham.	30	27	12		40 00	3 25	5 30	159 00
3	Abbie S. Jordan.	21	20	12	$5 00		2 00	4 00	84 00
4	Electra Files.	22	18	12	5 00		2 50	4 09	90 00
5	Helen W. Porter.	19	17	11	4 00		2 50	3 65	71 50
6	Herbert L. Berry.	34	26	12		23 00	3 00	3 08	105 00
7	Edith True.	14	11	12	4 00		2 00	5 14	72 00
8	Sadie M. Harris.	20	15	12	4 00		2 50	3 90	78 00
9	Ada S. Cummings.	16	16	15	4 00		2 00	5 56	90 00
10	(Annexed to Poland.)								
11	Clara Cullinan.	6	4	12	3 00		2 00	10 00	60 00
12	Helen M. Cobb.	9	7	12	4 50		2 00	8 66	78 00
13	Mary L. Bickford.	8	7	12	3 50		1 75	7 87	63 00

Total amount paid for teachers, including board, $1,055 50

RESOURCES.

Amount in the Treasury, March 1st, 1882, available for school purposes after all outstanding bills were paid,	$172 45
Amount voted by the town,	1,525 00
Received from State mill tax, due January 1st, 1882,	471 20

Received from State school fund,	$195 45	
Received from school fund,	272 49	
Received for tuition, town of Gray,	33 84	
Due for tuition from non-residents, estimated,	40 00	
		$2,710 43

EXPENDITURES.

Paid teachers' wages, for summer schools, including board,	$673 50	
teachers' wages, for fall schools, including board,	474 00	
teachers' wages, for winter schools, including board,	1,055 50	
for wood for 1882,	12 95	
cleaning school houses,	9 25	
care of school buildings,	36 35	
for insurance,	6 00	
Frank Edwards, for proportion of school money for 1882,	17 64	
Mrs. Mack, for proportion of school money for 1882,	11 76	
Elbridge Titcomb, for proportion of school money for 1882,	5 88	
Due District No. 10, for proportion of money for 1882,	35 28	
for wood for use in 1883,	135 00	
Paid for contingent expenses,	16 08	
A. L. Goss, for stove and funnel,	15 22	
for repairs,	11 77	
outstanding bills, estimated,	15 00	
Total amount of expenditures for the year 1882,		$2,531 18
Leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer,		$179 25

SCHOOL No. 1—LOWER CORNER.

The Summer and Fall terms were taught by Mrs. M. E. Waterman of Danville. Mrs. Waterman has rare qualifications as a teacher. Possessing a mind of unusual activity she seeks to infuse her own spirit into the minds of her pupils. Indolence has no place in her school,—hard and quick work is the every-day rule. The drill was thorough; in this respect her classes in arithmetic, grammar, and history take the first rank among the summer and fall terms. The discipline was well maintained, though with more apparent than real severity. The close application of the pupils to their studies, supplemented by good instruction, made these very successful terms.

The Winter term was taught by Mr. George P. Morgan who approached his duty, qualified by some experience and good scholarship, and a determination to successfully carry on the good work left by his predecessor. Quiet in manner, but efficient in discipline, he won the good will and hearty co-operation of his pupils. Under such circumstances and with such relations existing between teacher and taught, there could not well be other than successful results. The classes in arithmetic, grammar, and history maintained their previous reputation and are entitled to the first rank among the winter schools. A weekly rhetorical exercise and compositions were a profitable feature in this school.

SCHOOL No. 2—UPPER CORNER.

The Summer and Fall terms were taught by Miss Mariana C. Bailey of Industry. The long experience and eminent success of Miss Bailey as a teacher in our schools render it almost unnecessary to say anything concerning her school work, other than that these terms were fully as successful as any of her preceding ones. Her method of instruction is of the most approved kind; her discipline, though in some of its aspects mild, was held with a firm and steady hand and no pupil would hesitate, for a moment on the slightest intimation, to hasten with pleasure to do the teacher's wish, and her influence by precept on the moral welfare of her pupils is worthy of special commendation. As Miss Bailey bids adieu to active school work she carries with her, to her new home, the respect of her many pupils and also the best wishes of a multitude of friends.

The Winter term was under the instruction of Mr. Emery Tinkham, of Monmouth, who is a teacher of marked ability in every department of school work. The discipline of this school was excellent, the method of instruction good, and the degree of interest manifested by the pupils was quite satisfactory. Some of the reading was of the first order, and all the pupils gave evidence of good work in their studies. Those in the arithmetic, United States History, and algebra classes are especially commended. The class in ancient history was a new feature in our schools and proved itself worthy of special mention.

SCHOOL No. 3—BALD HILL.

Miss Sadie M. Harris taught the Summer and Fall terms, maintaining the good discipline, which is a prominent feature in all her schools. A good degree of interest was shown by the pupils. The classes gave evidence of good instruction, and as was to be expected these terms proved both pleasant and profitable.

Miss Abbie S. Jordan taught the Winter term and brought to this school the same neat and orderly system which has characterized her previous schools. The deportment of this school was excellent and the degree of interest commendable, and while all are entitled to credit the classes in algebra and first geography are worthy of special commendation.

SCHOOL No. 4—COBB'S BRIDGE.

The Summer and Fall terms were taught by Miss Esta Files, of Raymond, who is a teacher of experience and good attainments. Her pleasant and quiet manner wins the confidence of her pupils. The discipline of this school was mild; the method of instruction well approved, and the classes gave evidence of careful work, and that the progress made during the term was fully up to the average.

The Winter term was under the care of Miss Electra Files, of Raymond, who is a teacher of decided ability, and as a disciplinarian is considered one of the best. Her care is not confined to the inside of the school-room but very properly extends outside within its curtilage, and no pupil is beyond her jurisdiction until he has orderly and timely started for home. The good instruction of the previous terms was continued and the results were decidedly marked, giving this school a fair rank among the winter terms.

SCHOOL No. 5—BEAR BROOK.

The Summer term was taught by Miss Alice M. Sewall of Farmington. Miss Sewall has good qualifications and carries an easy and pleasant manner in the school-room, such as will, at the outset, win the good will of her pupils. Her school seemed to be well organized and her method of instruction good, and the indications were that if proper discipline was maintained this would prove a profitable term. Owing to the illness of the teacher this school closed one week prematurely, and was not visited a second time.

Miss Helen W. Porter, of North Yarmouth, had charge of the Fall and Winter terms. Miss Porter has fine attainments and has had much experience in teaching, having in previous years taught in our schools with marked results. We welcome her to her old field of labor with special pleasure. The discipline of this school was mild but healthy; the method of instruction good, such as is acquired in the best of all schools after a long, practical experience. The interest of the pupils was commendable, and under such circumstances there could not well be other than successful results, such as would give entire satisfaction to all.

SCHOOL No. 6—HARRIS HILL.

The Summer and Fall terms were taught by Miss Edith True. Since entering the teachers' profession Miss True has labored in our schools, and the result of her work has been often reported. To her schools she devotes her best efforts and strives with commendable zeal to promote the welfare of her pupils. In this school she met with her usual success.

The Winter term was under the instruction of Mr. Herbert L. Berry, who entered upon his work with a determination to make it a success by using every means at his command to interest and instruct his pupils, and his efforts were well seconded by both parents and pupils. Under such circumstances there was every reason to expect successful work. At the closing examination the classes gave evidence of careful instruction and that the anticipations of a profitable term had been fully realized. The training of character, which is as much a statute requirement as the training of the mind, the teacher considered a part of his duty, and by precept, as well as example, that duty was faithfully discharged.

SCHOOL No. 7—HEAD OF THE POND.

Miss Flora P. Martin taught the Summer and Fall terms. The discipline was well maintained; the interest manifested during the summer term was good, and the school made fair progress. During the fall term the degree of interest was not quite what is desirable, and this tended to make the school less profitable than it otherwise would have been.

Miss Edith True taught the Winter term. A good degree of interest was manifested by the pupils and well maintained throughout the term, and the teacher labored with her usual faithfulness and ability for the good of her pupils. This was considered a profitable term.

SCHOOL No. 8—WEBBER'S.

Miss Abbie S. Jordan taught the Summer and Fall terms, and the fact that she has taught five consecutive terms in this school with general satisfaction, is all that need be said at this time concerning her work in this school.

The Winter term was taught by Miss Sadie M. Harris, who was able to successfully carry on the work left by her predecessor. The first arithmetic and geography classes deserve honorable mention for their promptness and proficiency in recitation.

SCHOOL No. 9—SHAKERS.

This school held a Summer and Winter term, presided over by

Miss Ada S. Cummings, who is perfectly at home in this school having taught several preceding terms. In deportment this is a model school—whispering is seldom, if ever, seen—and in all its movements the same good discipline seems to prevail. While all the classes show a fair knowledge of their studies, special attention is given to the rules of reading, writing, spelling, history, and geography, and in map drawing the pupils of this school will take the first rank.

SCHOOL No. 11—MEADOW BROOK.

Miss Dora M. Thurlow presided during the Summer and Fall terms. This school is so small in numbers it is hard for teacher or pupils to have that degree of interest necessary for the best results, yet the teacher labored faithfully and well to advance the interests of her pupils who appreciated her efforts and endeavored, on their part, to do a good work. Under the circumstances this school, which contains some fine talent, did all that could be expected.

The Winter term was under the direction of Miss Clara Cullinan. The deportment of this school was good, and though the same disadvantages alluded to as effecting the preceding terms still continued, this school did an amount of work that was quite satisfactory, and the teacher with more experience and a wider field will doubtless develop good teaching power.

SCHOOL No. 12—PENNEY'S.

Miss Carrie B. Watts taught the Summer term. Miss Watts has had considerable experience teaching in our schools and always with good acceptance. Her fine attainments, pleasant manner, and good teaching power, together with the confidence of her pupils, though few in number, made this a pleasant and profitable term.

The Fall and Winter terms were taught by Miss Helen M. Cobb of Yarmouth. Possessing, to a marked degree, the same attainments conceded to her predecessor, Miss Cobb was well qualified to carry on the needed work in this school. The good deportment of the pupils and the work of the classes, especially in algebra and arithmetic, prove these to have been profitable terms.

SCHOOL No. 13—BICKFORD'S.

The Summer and Winter terms were taught by Miss Mary L. Bickford. There was no fall term. Miss Bickford had some previous experience in teaching, and brought to her work an earnest desire to advance the interests of her pupils whose confidence she held to a marked degree. The deportment of the school was pleasing, and the recitations gave evidence of study and good instruction.

It will be observed by the detailed report of the several schools that the past year has been one of prosperity, yet it is not to be understood that in every instance all the work was done that could be desired. There has been improvement in the past, and there is room for improvement still, and it is to be hoped that the coming year will show a marked advance in both the amount and quality of work done in our schools. To this end good teachers will still be needed, and in their selection it will hardly do to rely implicitly on finely written diplomas; these are often only the evidence of a knowledge of the subjects necessary to be taught, and a theoretical understanding of the principles and methods of teaching; they give no certain assurance that their possessor has executive ability and the needed energy to efficiently organize and manage the varied business interests of a school, or that he has good teaching power, or even a love for the work. Without all these qualifications combined, no person should presume to enter the school as a teacher for it would be a certainty from the outset that the experiment would end in partial failure. To be a successful teacher requires a gift that is not born of the schools,—it is from a higher source, a natural talent for every department of school work. You might as well try to make a skilled mechanic, or a great inventor, by theoretical training of a person who has not a spark of inventive or mechanical genius, as to make an efficient teacher of a person who has no natural gift or love for the work. Hence it is useless to rely on the graduates of particular institutions, though they may have had special training in this direction, as furnishing sure evidence of success. Natural ability, though of the right kind, must be cultured and trained, and it is the only sure foundation on which you can build with any certainty of successful results.

To judiciously select and assign teachers to the several schools, is a difficult and trying duty; yet to this end school officers give their best judgment and if at times they fail to meet public requirements, the only wonder is that such failures do not oftener occur.

Teachers should consider the responsibility of their office; some of them do, and that in addition to guarding the intellectual welfare of their pupils they are specially required by statute to "Use their best endeavors to impress on the minds of the children and youth committed to their care and instruction, the principles of morality and justice, and a sacred regard for truth, love of country, humanity and a universal benevolence, sobriety, industry and frugality." There is a training of character, as well as of the mind, required, and it should be more carefully observed.

The past year has witnessed an increased interest on the part of

parents to visit the schools, a duty that has been often urged upon them, and thus far, without entirely satisfactory results. If citizens interested in school work, whether sending pupils or not, would visit the schools, and from personal inspection learn something concerning the work that is being done, there would be much less censure, and increased interest in every department of school work; and teachers who are not willing at any time to give visitors a cordial welcome, show plainly that they are not doing the work that ought to be done. The school rooms in nearly every case have been neatly kept, in some instances exceptionally so; sometimes plants and flowers have been added and tastefully arranged by the teacher, thereby increasing the attractions of even a neatly ordered school room; these things have an elevating and educating influence, and it would be well for teachers to consider that the condition in which they allow their school rooms to be kept, speaks much for the culture of both teacher and pupils.

There is need of some system or course of study for our schools. At present the pupils attend term after term with no definite object in view, and it is no wonder there is often a lack of interest and healthy ambition. If the graduating system could be introduced, whereby a course of study could be fixed, and a standard of graduation established, sufficiently high to give to every pupil who attained it a good business education, there would be something in view worth striving for, and which would create renewed interest, and arouse a laudable ambition, and many pupils now in a measure indifferent, would be satisfied with nothing less than its attainment. There are no great difficulties in the way; the town has but to express its approval, and the work can be commenced. If we cannot have all the advantages afforded by a graded school, it is wisdom to approach it as near as possible, and the graduating system seems to be the only feasible plan that is presented, whereby ungraded schools can increase their efficiency to the needed extent, and do the work required by the many pupils who must rely upon them for their only educational privileges. Let this system be inaugurated, and receive proper support, and we can graduate from our schools, with appropriate honors, pupils, who in proficiency in all English studies, would be little, if any, below the graduates of the high schools of more favored localities.

There has been a new school house built the past year for the Bickford school. With this exception there has been little change in the school buildings. It is well known that the school house at the Lower Corner is much out of repair, and calls for prompt action on the part of the town; the one at Bald Hill needs to be

re-seated, and repaired on the inside; a small appropriation is asked and should be granted for this purpose. There was an appropriation of $168.54 placed in the hands of the Supervisor for the repair of school buildings; of this amount but $42.58 has been expended, $27 of this sum being for blinds for the Upper Corner school house, something which all our school houses should have, and it is recommended that those most exposed to the sun have blinds put on them the coming year. It will be necessary to continue a small appropriation to meet the needed repairs the present year. In closing I wish to thank the teachers for their consideration, and hearty coöperation in carrying out every suggestion that promised well for the schools; and also all the pupils for their cordial and courteous reception during my official intercourse with them.

CHAS. P. HASKELL, *Supervisor of Schools.*

New Gloucester, Feb. 26, 1883.

Warrant for Annual Town Meeting.

To BENJAMIN W. MERRILL, a Constable of the town of New Gloucester, in the County of Cumberland, GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of New Gloucester, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Town House in said town, on the fifth day of March, A.D. 1883, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, viz.:

ARTICLE 1st.

To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2d.

To choose a clerk for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 3d.

To receive and allow accounts.

ARTICLE 4th.

To hear and act on reports.

ARTICLE 5th.

To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 6th.

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for contingent expense.

ARTICLE 7th.

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of schools.

ARTICLE 8th.

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the repair of roads and bridges.

ARTICLE 9th.

To see in what manner the sum of money voted for the repair of roads and bridges shall be raised.

ARTICLE 10th.

To see what sum the town will vote to allow per hour for labor on the highway for men, oxen, and horses.

ARTICLE 11th.

To see if the town will vote to allow George S. Wilson and Francis Edwards to draw their proportion of school money.

ARTICLE 12th.

To see if the town will vote to allow Nathan E. Fickett to draw his proportion of school money.

ARTICLE 13th.

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to keep the school houses in repair.

ARTICLE 14th.

To see if the town will vote to purchase new seats for the school house in District No. 3, also to make such repairs as are needed, and what sum of money you will vote to raise for the same.

ARTICLE 15th.

To see if the town will vote to build a new barn on the Town Farm and how much money you will vote to raise for the same.

ARTICLE 16th.

To see if the town will vote to build a new house on the Town Farm, or repair the old one, and how much money you will vote to raise for the same.

ARTICLE 17th.

To see if the town will vote to change the time of the road Commissioner's taking charge of the road, from May 1st to March 10th.

ARTICLE 18th.

To see if the town will vote to allow John L. Megquier to draw his proportion of school money.

ARTICLE 19th.

To see if the town will vote to accept the road leading from the road near the house of Benjamin Morse, by the house of Stephen Morse, to Gray line.

ARTICLE 20th.

To see if the town will vote to discontinue the road leading from the house owned by the heirs of the late Susan Nevens, to the Atwood place, so called.

ARTICLE 21st.

To see if the town will vote to discontinue the road leading from the Woodman road, so called, to the Wharff place, so called.

ARTICLE 22d.

To see if the town will vote to discontinue the old road leading from the town road to the house of Augustus H. Merrill, also to see if the town will accept a new road recently built in its place.

ARTICLE 23d.

To see if the town will vote to purchase a lot and build a Town House, and how much money you will vote to raise for the same.

ARTICLE 24th.

To see if the town will vote against being classed with the town of Gray as a Representative District.

ARTICLE 25th.

To see if the town will vote to choose a committee to make application to the Legislature for a separate representation, as provided in Article 4, Section 3, of the Constitution of the State.

ARTICLE 26th.

To see if the town will vote to reconsider the vote whereby they voted to purchase a lot, remove and repair the school house in District No. 1, and vote to repair it where it now stands, using the money already raised for that purpose.

ARTICLE 27th.

To see if the town will vote to purchase a lot and build a new school house in District No. 1, and how much money you will vote to raise for the same.

ARTICLE 28th.

To see if the town will vote to establish a town liquor agency, as provided by law, for the purpose of disposing of the liquor now on hand.

ARTICLE 29th.

To see if the town will vote to introduce the graduating system into the public schools, and what course of study shall be adopted, and what standard of proficiency required for graduation.

ARTICLE 30th.

To see what action the town will take in regard to the care of the school houses during the summer and fall terms.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters, at the Town House, at nine o'clock in the forenoon on said day of meeting.

Given under our hands at New Gloucester, this 23d day of February, A.D. 1883.

J. W. TRUE,
J. M. THOMPSON,
C. N. FOGG,
Selectmen of New Gloucester.